Effluent treatment plants for chemical industries

1596. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up effluent treatment plants in the areas where chemical industries are set up so as to provide common facility for effluent treatment, in view of high cost of such plants; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to encourage such industries to set up their own treatment plants by giving them extra incentives; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Incentives are given to industries for setting up of effluent treatment plants. The incentives include the following:

(i) Depreciation allowance at 30 per cent on devices and systems for pollution control;

(ii) Rebate at the rate of 70 per cent of the Cess on water consumption;

(iii) Investment allowance at the rate of 35 per cent (as against the general rate of 25 per cent) of the cost of new machinery plant for pollution control; and

(iv) Loans at reduced rate of interest.

Former Governors employed in private firms

1597. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired Air Chief Marshal Shri O. P. Mehra, former Governor of Rajasthan and Maharashtra is at present employed in a private company; if so, in what capacity;

(b) how many former Governors of different States are at present employed in private or public sectors; and

(c) whether there are any norms or code of conduct prescribed by Government so that after having occupied a distiguished post of a Governor or some equally high office, one should not get employed in private firms etc.; if not, whether Government propose to prescribe such norms in the interest of dignity of such high office?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no bar on the ex-Governors to accept any employment and their activities are not monitored after they have relinquished the office of the Governor. No proposal is presently under consideration of the Government to change the existing practice.

Strike by the employees of TFAI

1598. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the daily wage workers and regular employees of the Trade Fair Authority of India (TFAI) had gone on a token strike on January 21, 1987 to press their demands;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding their demands and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that more than four hundred workers have been laid off for their participation in the strike; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Some regular and daily wage employees of Trade Fair Authority of India were on stirke on 21st January, 1987. Although it was initially announced as a token strike, the employees later announced that the strike would be an indefinite one.

(b) The main demands made by the employees of the TFAI and the position in regard to their demands are as follows:

(1) Regularisation of 50 per cent of muster roll staff in Engineering Division of Trade Fair Authortiy of India. The matter is receiving the attention of the Trade Fair Authortiy of India.

(2) Revision of pay scales and allowances of junior staff. The TFAI has been asked to formulate proposals in this regard and submit them to Government for finalisation.

(3) Allotment of residential accomodation for junior staff. The TFAI is making efforts to obtain allotment of land.

(c) Action has been initiated against all those employees found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline.

Lock-out in Kesoram Industries and Cotton Mills Ltd. West Bengal

1599. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware that management of Kesoram Industries and Cotton Mills Ltd., declared a Lock-out on the 15th February, 1987 affecting about 9000 workers;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to lift the lockout?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Demands of sugar industry workers

1600. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any memorandum outlining grievances and demands of workers engaged in 268 sugar industries all over the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They have demanded increase in the interim relief and grant of uniform D.A. at the rate of Rs. 1.65 per point rise in cost of living Index to all the Sugar workers with effect from 1-4-83 as part of interim relief.

(c) The demands have been referred to the Sugar Wage Board.

Fire in the DCM Chemical Plants

1601. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a big fire broke out in the vanaspati and soyabean oil manufacturing unit of the DCM Chemical Plant, West Delhi on the February, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Delhi Administration has ordered an inquiry into the incident; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Fire broke out in the evening on 8th February, 1987 in the premises of Refined Oil Packaging and Storage section of M/s. Shri Ram Vanaspati Manufacturing Works in West Delhi causing extensive damage to property. The fire was brought under control within 2 hours.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The inquiry report has been received by the Delhi Administration on the 26th February, 1987 and is under their examination.

IPS Officers under suspension

1602. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of IPS Officers under suspension as on 1st January, 1987 State-wise;

(b) how many out of them died while under suspension;